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**COMBINED DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND  
VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS****DECLARATION:**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:  
 My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.  
 I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD FOR DAMPING NOISE, VIBRATION AND HARSHNESS OF A SUBSTRATE AND  
COMPOSITION THEREFOR**

the specification of which (check only one item below):

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed as United States application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ or through \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or §365(a) of any PCT international application(s) which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application(s) having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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Priority Claimed

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below

587039,774	June 18, 1998
(Application Number)	(Filing Date)
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or §365(c) of any PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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(Application Number)	(Filing Date)	(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)
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## POWER OF ATTORNEY:

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) Thomas N. Young, Patent Office Registration No. 20985, Andrew R. Basile, Patent Office Registration No. 24753, William M. Hanton, Jr., Patent Office Registration No. 28422, and Julia Church Dienker, Patent Office Registration No. 32368, as my attorney(s) and/or agent(s), to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Send all correspondence to: Andrew R. Basile  
 Young & Basile, P.C.  
 3001 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 624  
 Troy, Michigan 48064  
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## VERIFIED STATEMENT:

I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under §41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above-entitled invention described in the specification.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR §1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR §1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR §1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☐ no such person, concern or organization;  
☒ person, concern or organizations listed below

FULL NAME THE MACKINAC GROUP, INC.

ADDRESS 6361 Presidential Court, Ft. Myers, Florida 33919

☐ INDIVIDUAL ☒ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor Ralph J. Locke

Inventor's Signature Ralph J. Locke

Date 6/15/99 Citizenship U.S.

Residence 9435 Sunset Harbor, #232, Ft. Myers, Florida 33919

Post Office Address Same as above

Full name of second joint inventor, if any David W. Irvine

Inventor's Signature David W. Irvine

Date 6/15/99 Citizenship U.S.

Residence 4236 Bridlewood Drive, Traverse City, Michigan 49684

Post Office Address Same as above

Our Reference: CNI-100-B

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, THE MACKINAC GROUP, INC., a corporation of the State of Michigan, a Michigan corporation having a principal place of business at 6361 Presidential Court, Ft. Myers, Florida 33919, is the owner, by virtue of an Assignment executed on June 15, 1999 and recorded on June 17, 1999 at the United States Patent and Trademark Office reel, 010044, frame 0004 of the United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/335,115 filed June 17, 1999, and the invention therein entitled;

METHOD FOR DAMPENING NOISE, VIBRATION AND  
HARSHNESS OF A SUBSTRATE AND COMPOSITION THEREFOR

WHEREAS, THE MACKINAC INVESTORS, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, a Michigan corporation having a principal place of business at 1148 Rochester Road, Troy, Michigan 48083, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention said U.S. Patent Application and all foreign rights therein;

Therefor and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, The Mackinac Group, Inc. by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto The Mackinac Investors LLC, its successors and assigns, all right, title, and interest in the United States of America and all foreign countries, including rights of priority, in and to said invention and said patent application, and to any divisions for continuations of said applications and all Patents, United States and foreign granted upon any such applications or for the invention described therein, and any reissues or extensions of said Patents; and it hereby authorizes and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Patents on said United States applications to The Mackinac Investors, LLC, as assignee thereof.

The pending foreign Patent applications and inventions described therein specifically assigned to The Mackinac Investors, LLC are :

Brazilian Patent Application Number PI9912161, filed June 17, 1999;  
Canadian Patent Application Number 2,335,348, filed June 17, 1999;  
Japanese Patent Application Number 2000-554,479, filed December 15, 2000;  
Mexican Patent Application Number PA/A/2000/12660, filed December 18, 2000;  
South Korean Patent Application Number 7014347/2000, filed June 17, 1999;  
European Patent Application Number 99930376.1, filed June 17, 1999.

FOR SAID CONSIDERATIONS The Mackinac Group, Inc. hereby covenants and agrees that it is the owner of the full title herein assigned and has the right to assign the same, and agrees that it will communicate to The Mackinac Investors, LLC or its representatives, any facts known to it respecting said invention or inventions

and testify in any legal proceedings relating thereto when called upon, and will sign all instruments and documents and render such assistance which in the judgment of The Mackinac Investors, LLC is necessary to vest it and protect the legal title sought to be assigned all at the expense of The Mackinac Investors, LLC.

The Mackinac Group, Inc.

  
Signature

By: Ralph J. Locke

Its: President

Dated: May 24, 2001

After recordation, please return this Assignment to:

Andrew R. Basile  
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Troy, Michigan 48084-3107

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Ralph J. Locke and Daniel W. Irvine, residing at 9435 Sunset Harbor, #232, Ft. Myers, Florida 33919; and 4236 Bridlewood Drive, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, respectively, have invented a

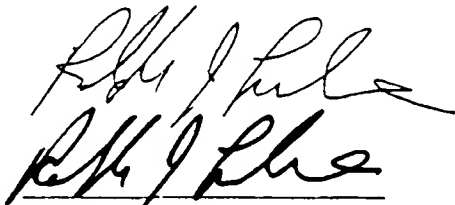
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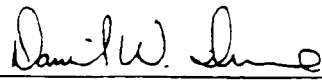
for which we have made provisional application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, and are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, THE MACKINAC GROUP, INC., a corporation of the State of Michigan, having its principal place of business at 6361 Presidential Court, Ft. Myers, Florida 33919, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we, Ralph J. Locke and Daniel W. Irvine, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said corporation, its successors and assigns, all right, title, and interest in the United States of America and all foreign countries in and to said invention as described in the patent application (and we hereby authorize our attorneys, authorized to prosecute said application, to here insert the filing date and serial number of said application, as soon as it is known, Serial Number 09/335,115, filed 6/17/99), and to any improvements on said invention hereto or hereafter made while we are in the employ of said corporation, and any divisions or continuations of said application, and all Patents, United States and foreign, granted upon any such applications or for the invention(s) described therein, and any reissues or extensions of said Patents; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Patents on said United States applications to said corporation as assignee thereof.

FOR SAID CONSIDERATIONS we hereby covenant and agree that we are the owners of the full title herein assigned and have the right to assign the same, and agree that we will communicate to said corporation or its representatives, any facts known to us respecting said invention or inventions and testify in any legal proceedings relating thereto when called upon, and will sign all instruments and documents and render such assistance which in the judgment of said corporation is necessary to vest in it and protect the legal title sought to be assigned.

  
Ralph J. Locke

  
Daniel W. Irvine

Signed and sealed this <sup>15th</sup>~~15th~~ day of June, 1999.

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